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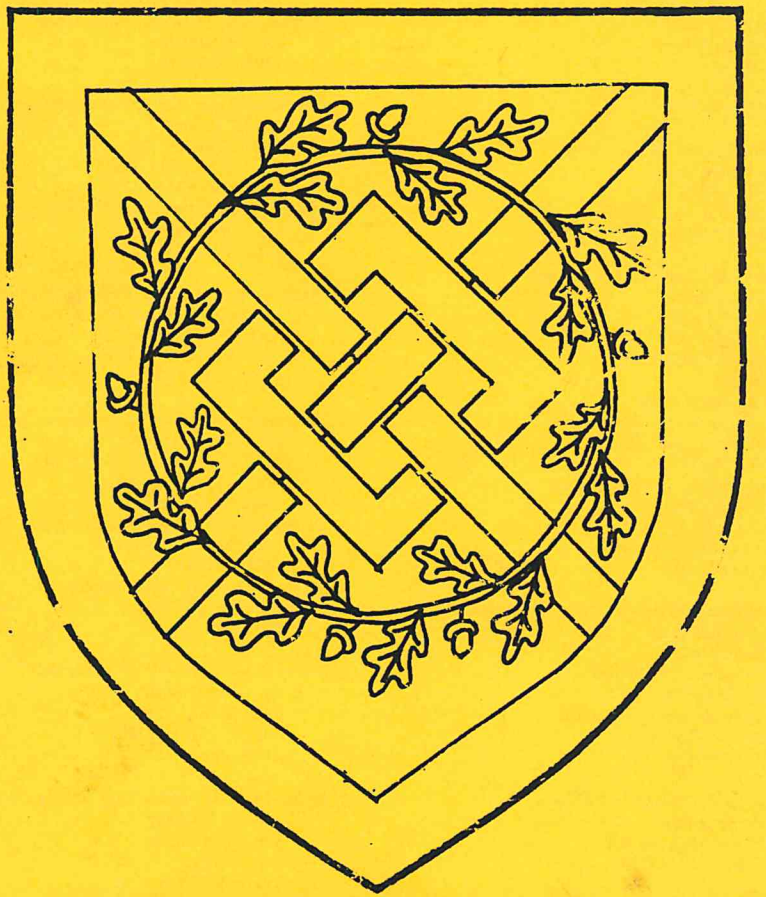

these are the arms of Lady Drohomira Jaroslavna
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a fret and overall an oak chaplet,
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Calendar of Events

November

2 - POPULACE MEETING, C 364 Clark Bldg. CSU, 7 PM, Rosalind (303) 667-1284
2 - No Dún Bólacht Gathering because the site is an election site
6 - CSU Demo, Call Tuman for further details (303) 484-1087 rec center
6 - Coronation (al-Barran)* Gwenlyn Aldwyn (505) 255-5669 15
7 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 12pm - 2PM, Titus (303) 490-2936 23
7 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 3PM - 6PM, CSU Fieldhouse, Tuman (303) 484-1087 23
8 - DANCE PRACTICE, 7PM - 9PM, 220 EastOak, Catriona (303) 669-1754 23
9 - Dún Bólacht Gathering, 6 PM, Heath Jr. High, Lughbec (303) 353-6782 14
10 - Medieval Society Meeting, 112 Nat. Res. Bldg CSU, 7 PM, Robin (303) 493-2367 22
11, 12, &16 - Demo at Fort Collins High School, 8:30 AM-9:30 AM, Robin (303) 493-2367
13 - Spirit of the Troubadours (Unser Hafen)* Cala (303) 223-6494 16
14 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 12PM - 2PM, Titus (303) 490-2936 23
14 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 3PM - 6PM, CSU Fieldhouse, Tuman (303) 484-1087 23
15 - OFFICER'S MEETING, 7PM, 3601 El Cminto, Loveland, Rosalind
16 - Dún Bólacht Gathering, 6 PM, Heath Jr. High, Lughbec (303) 353-6782 14
20 - Blacksmithing Guild, 9:30 AM, Tamlene, 663-1513 8
20 - Guilds Meeting, 3601 El Caminto, Loveland, Rosalind (303) 667-1284 9:AM 9
20 - Dance Collegium and Harvest Ball (Dragonsspine)* Kay (719) 522-0387 18
21 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 12PM - 2PM, Titus (303) 490-2936 23
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27 - Celebration (Hinterland) Lochlainn (303) 436-3436
28 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 12PM - 2PM, Titus (303) 490-2936 23
28 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 3PM - 6PM, CSU Fieldhouse, Tuman (303) 484-1087 23
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December

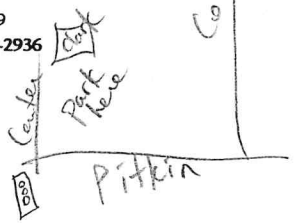
Dec. 4 - Guilds Laurel

4 - Hunters Feast V (Windkeep) Rhys (307) 632-1133
10 - Baronial Yule (Caerthe)* Taryn (303) 458-8754 18
18 - Christmas Ball (Dragonsspine) Kay (719) 522-0387
18 - al-Barran Midwinter (al-Barran) Iric (505) 271-2724

Dec. 13 - bring key to dance practice

January

8 - Twelfth Night (Caerthe)* Krystyna (303)427-8449 19
29 - Unser Hafen Dance Collegium* Titus (303) 490-2936 20



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Submission deadline is the 15th of the month for event announcements, articles, and artwork. Officers reports are due at officers meeting unless other arrangements are made beforehand.

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From the Baron

Failte!

Winter is finally here. With the wintertime comes also our indoor site for fighter practice. Again it is the CSU Fieldhouse and again it is from 3PM to 6PM on Sunday afternoons. This year however I would like to encourage all of us to come to do whatever it is that you wish to do. There is more than enough room to dance, costume, fight, fence, visit, armor - you name it. Lets make this get-together for more than just the fighters! This year unfortunately the site is going to cost us an awful lot of money, so please, everyone come and drop some coins into the brass bowl to help us keep the site all winter. It may well end up that we can only afford to use it two times a month if the burden becomes too onerous. Thanks all.

In November we also have the Baronial Arts and Sciences competition. Everyone probably has something to contribute and even compete with. All of you armorers, leatherworkers, costumers, artists, and of course, bards, dancers and storytellers - please enter your works. The event promises to be instructional to all who enter, come, let the rest of Unser Hafen see what you have been working on! Please, please, please, don't let any past disappointments cause you to avoid our very own competition. Why should the fighters have all of the fun?!

All of you who were at the Unser Hafen Baronial Birthday Party already know this, but for those of you who were not there... I have announced that I am stepping down as your Baron at our fourth Baronial Defender in July of AS XXIX (1994). At that time your new Baron and Baroness will be invested. During the next six months I will be searching for a consensus among us on who should be recommended to their Majesties as my replacement. In June of next year, whoever will be the Crowns at that time will poll you, the populace, to make sure that the decision is a good one, then, in July at our Defender, I hope to have the decision sealed by the investiture of our new Baron and Baroness.

Please note, for all of you worriers out there, the selection is made by Their Majesties, **it is** not an election, so there will be no campaigning to to endure! However, any candidate that is not favored by the populace will not be invested by Their Majesties - that is the purpose of the polling.

The decision to step down was not an easy one for me to make. I have spent the last eleven years helping, nurturing, and leading Stonehaven and then Unser Hafen because I felt that it was a beautiful and wondrous thing. But there comes a time when a parent has to let the child go, so that child may make what success of himself that he can. I believe that time has come for this parent to let his child go. Change is good for us all, it helps us to grow to meet whatever challenges the future holds. Unser Hafen is indeed strong, and I have no doubt that it will continue to prosper and grow in what we call the Current Middle Ages! Please note, I am not dying and I am not moving away; tomorrow is another day - and at that, a day to look forward to.

In the ancient days of Ireland a lord such as myself, finding himself too old, infirm, or unpopular to hold his high estate would consult the Chiefs of his families and they together would find his Taniste. I am going to use a very similar method to do so here in Unser Hafen. I feel that we who have striven for so long to be appropriate to our personas and periods should be so now in this purpose as well. I intend to have a good time of it! So be prepared for a (ahem) bit of barbaric re-creation on the day that we choose to unveil the chosen of the Chieftains as my Taniste!

I have had a wonderful time as your Baron. I would not choose another Barony to lead than this one in which I live! I find it difficult to find words to express my appreciation for the gifts that you have all so generously given. Though I may not say much, please know that I thank you all with the whole of my heart!

Fad saol agat!

Kevin

Officer's Reports

Unto the Populace of Unser Hafen, Rosalind of WellMark greets you.

October was really eventful...our Baronial Birthday brought some folks back who have been missed including Marshak the Golden Wolf, a figure out of legend from the days of "Stone Haven". THL Llamrei became a Companion of the Builders of the Portcullis for Arts & Sciences and Lord Gunther became a Companion of the Golden Ring for his service contribution. The Baron learned how to build a wooden box with dove-tailed corners from a young man in court, and, sadly, our Baron announced his retirement as our ruling nobility. Your Excellency, we understand, but we are sad. Your light has shown well and long as an example of chivalry and wisdom for everyone.

Please read His Excellency's letter for more information on what happens now. And please note that you may not participate in the Baronial polling next Spring unless you are a member in good standing on the day of the polling. This means you must be on the membership list (which is only updated once a quarter) or you must have a membership card in hand. Remember that it takes 6 weeks minimum to process your membership and then only if you are very prompt in returning the renewal notice. Please figure when your own membership expires and renew before the reminder if possible. For non-members, there are definite limitations to this status, besides participating in this polling. You must be a member (any type) to receive awards or to hold office, and, after November 1, to marshal archery. Effective January 1, 1994, you must be a member to be an authorized fighter or fencer. Membership is not required to participate in other activities and non-members are always welcome. I will be carrying membership forms with me whenever possible, so please ask for one.

Lastly, but certainly not least, was the Lords of Light and Darkness masked ball held in Dún Bólacht in October. There were more than 70 people in attendance, many from outside the Barony. The costumes were great and quite inventive, the desserts were decadent, the dancing delightful, and the live chess game was quite creative - complete with a volunteer from WindKeep who carried out the dead. M'Lady Helen from Loveland won the best costume prize and M'Lord Conchobhar from Greeley had the best dessert (a chocolate castle - why didn't I think of that?) Dún Bólacht, that was a great evening!

Please see the article on the "guild" gathering to be held Nov. 20, and don't forget to DO something about entering in the Spirit of the Troubadours A & S competition. See the calendar for article page numbers.

In Service to His Excellency, Unser Hafen, and the Outlands,

Rosalind

A call to the artisans of Unser Hafen...

We are starting a prize pool. These prizes are to be drawn upon when the need arises for a prize to be given out at an event. All artisans of Unser Hafen are invited to donate their work. The only requirements are that they are hand crafted by the citizens of Unser Hafen and friends in the surrounding region. We are trying to get away from buying more mundane prizes, especially since we have so many talented craftsmen in the Barony and the incipient Canton. Please deliver any donations to Baron Kevin.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE HERALD

Unto the populace of the Baroy of Unser Hafen. Milany Deidre sends greetings, this 18th day of October.

The heralds office has been pretty quiet of late. I have been working on a couple of devices for submission. But other than that pretty quiet.

Please if you have any questions call and if I don't know the answer I will find out.

My address is Deidre c/o Della Ravnsborg, P.O. Box 66, Wellington, CO 80549.
Phone# 568-9732.

IF YOUR SUBMISSION IS NO LONGER LISTED IN THIS REPORT, YOUR SIX MONTH "GRACE PERIOD" TO RESUBMIT AT NO COST HAS EXPIRED. THE COST FOR SUBMISSIONS IS $9.00 FOR NAMES AND $9.00 FOR DEVICES OR BADGES.

THE SUBMISSIONS OF GENTLES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE BARONY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AT LAUREL:
Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae - badge
Conchobhar ua Loingseacain - name and device - amended
Gunther der Wanderer - device - amended
Lughbec ni Eoin - name and device - device amended
Robin of Bristol - name and device - device amended
Sean Ui Neill the Staff Maker - device

AT KINGDOM:
Ceindrych de Costaine - name resubmission
Clemence D'Avignon - alternate persona for Cala of Savatthi
Dún Bólacht - name and device
Mark de Saint-Saveur-le-Vicompte - name

NEW SUBMISSIONS:
No new submissions.

Thus ends my report,
In service to His Excellency,

Diedre

Treasurer's Report

Greetings to the populace of the Barony!
The balance of our funds at officer's meeting was $721.25.

Yours in service to the Barony and the Society,

tamlene ap Guidgen

Unto the gentle populace of the Noble Barony of Unser Haven, your Knight Marshal sends Greetings.

As a result of our last demo season (Hey! Isn't that supposed to be tourney season???) We have acquired quite a few new fighters. So many in fact, that it is virtually impossible for myself and my deputies to work with all of them in the short period we have available each week. I would therefore like to invite (nay, encourage) those of you with more experience to share your knowledge and welcome this new blood to our Society. I know that it is important to work with ones shield brothers, teachers and / or knights, but by teaching new fighters you will strengthen your basics and create a name for yourself among them.

When teaching a new fighter, it is important to first determine how this fighter might improve. While technique is probably the most emphasized element of training, it is not always the most important. Several issues are often obscured behind a cloud of technique. Some of these are Psych, Concept, Armor, Vocabulary, and Limitations.

Psych : Often a new fighter will be intimidated by more experienced fighters. It's important that they learn that NO ONE is unbeatable and that given adequate armor, and safety measures the worst they will get is a few bruises.

Concept : It's important to explain how to picture a movement or shot. For instance I once explained a shot not by using a straight stick, but instead a stick connected to a weight with a string. If your having problems visualizing this ask me sometime.

Armor : This leads back to Psych. A new fighter needs to have good protective armor. While it may not be as light and mobile as yours or mine, it does need to be protective. On the other hand, most new fighters have a tendency to over-armor. Noting this may be the key as to why the fighter cannot throw this or that shot, or perhaps why he always seems to be bruised, just there...

Vocabulary : It's often confusing to a fighter to understand our jargon. You may not have thought about it recently, but we have so much non standard jargon it's amazing that we can even talk amongst ourselves, let alone teaching it to someone else. Take the time to describe some fairly common jargon as well as the terms you feel are important. While there is no substitute for "showing" some things. The rate at which you can convey that information is greatly increased by a strong vocabulary.

Limitations : Many fighters (perhaps most) have some sort of physical limitation. Try to take that consideration into account before you give advice. Telling a lumbering giant that he just needs to move to point X before his opponent does is not always a great idea. On the other hand telling a small fighter like myself to "just push back harder!" can be a defeating mistake. In addition to just size, limitations like injuries, vision and mobility are all quite important.

Well that's it for this month, so remember...

Never stop fighting!

In service to our Noble Barony
Lord Tuman

Tyman

And now a word from our Chronicler

My appologies for all the errors last month. For those who didn't notice, I royally messed up the Dún Bólacht officers list. Hopefully there will be fewer errors now that the "type-setter" I use has been replaced by a newer one of the 486dx variety. I would like to thank Dymmy and Aoibheil for their poem and art submissions. Dymmy submitted more than 20 poems and Aoibheil submitted two pieces of cover art, two pieces of filler art, and a poem. My special thanks to Lady Medhbh for the fantastic October cover. The color copying was brought to you (after the fact) by the fund raiser at the Baronial Birthday party. It was in excess of the cost of the color copies. Huzzah! And my thanks to Baron Sir Kevin, Lady Theresea, Lady Llamrei, and Frank for their tales of the history of the Barony (and pre-Barony).

In Service to His Excellency and the Barony,
Robin of Bristol

October 22, 1993
Greetings unto the populace of Unser Hafen from Lady Chala, Minister of Arts & Sciences:

You will notice that the Unser Hafen Arts & Sciences competition now has site and event information printed in this month's Tosspot. Please call me if you have any questions. I am accepting assistance for trolls, servers, set-up and clean-up, etc. This is a good way to earn site or feast fees, and besides, you will certainly earn immense good will from the autocrat and feastocrat!

A Reminder: Please note that YOU MUST BE AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE SCA TO COMPETE in the Arts & Sciences Event. Any level of membership is acceptable. Anyone, member or not, may DISPLAY ONLY.

I am also looking for volunteers to make small pieces of candy or herbal packets to sell at a "favors" table to benefit the barony. Thanks to those gentles who have already volunteered!

The Honorable Lady Llamrei has consented to be my deputy. You may also contact her to volunteer to help with the upcoming A&S event.

Also, if you are participating in the Unser Hafen Banner Project, it would be nice if we could have these in time for the November A&S event. If you have quesitons, contact Lady Tehri or myself.

Lady Madeleine, our Baronial Scribe, and I will be organizing a Scribe's Workshop and travelling Roadshow. The first of these will be held at the upcoming Newcomer's revel in Dún Bólacht. Please talk to us if you would either like see something included in it, or would like to help conduct it. Other dates will be scheduled upon request.

Peace be upon you, Chala

Cala
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BLACKSMITHING GUILD

The Blacksmithing Guild is having regular open smithing once each month, usually on the second Saturday. Meetings will alternate between Thorfinn's, Garwed's and Tamlene's. Please inquire if directions are needed.

Meetings will begin at 9:30 and end when we are tired. Instruction is available. Bring safety goggles, gloves, and old clothes (mundane work clothes recommended unless you have suitable garb).

No level of skill is needed, just some enthusiasm!

November's meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20, starting at 9:30. We will meet at Tamlene and Drahomira's:

Tamlene and Drahomira (Steve and Jodi Smith)
6333 East Hwy 402
Loveland, Colorado 80537

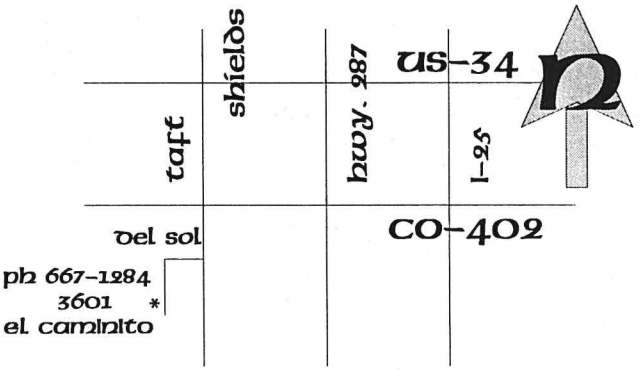
Please call if you would also like to smith at another time.

Tamlene ap Guidgen, Guildmaster	663-1513
Thorfinn Greybeard	667-1284
Master Garwed Cadburiensis	353-8456

"Guild" Gathering

On Saturday, November 20, there will be an open work/play/learn/teach day which will be unstructured but hopefully, productive. Known activities include smithing, period war gaming, costuming, cooking and, if the weather permits, some archery. Bread making and wool processing are possibles. Bring something to work on, or help someone else. If you want to sew, bring your materials - there will be machines available and help if you need it. If you wonder if what you want to work on will be possible, give Thorfinn or Rosalind a call at 667-1284 and find out. Lots of things are possible. The hours are any time between 9 A.M. and midnight - come for the whole day if you chose. There will be a stew provided for an afternoon lunch so bring something for it or to go with it (like bread, vegetables, dessert). Bring your feast gear (if you don't have feast gear yet, bring paper or the gear from your kitchen cupboard) and come dressed in your working SCA garb. The place is the home of Thorfinn and Rosalind in Loveland...map below.
See you there!

Also there will be an organizational meeting for the equestrian Guild.



The Wolf's Tale

Chapter One

Good morning Known World! Robin of Bristol has asked me to write about the old days of the local SCA. Since I was extremely self centered in those days (and perhaps still am a bit,) all that I remember clearly is my own story. So, please allow me to share that with you.

I first stumbled across the SCA in 1975 of the Common Era, while going to CSU on the GI Bill. I encountered a gent named Ken Humes who spoke glowingly of Chivalry, Parties, Gallantry, and Willing Wenches. (He really knew how to recruit!) He talked me into agreeing to go to a party (called a revel) down in Denver (which he called something like Carrot.)

He spent a fair amount of time helping me to develop a character I would pretend to be (called a Persona.) I was a dual French German major, so I decided that my mother was French and my father was German. Since the only thing I had which resembled a costume was an old tunic my brother had worn in a Greek play, I decided that I would be a Germanic mercenary in the employ of the Roman Legions. I never set a firm time period, just somewhere in the first few centuries AD.

I started really getting into my preparations for this upcoming event. I quickly made a pair of leather sandals, some sort of belt pouch, and bought a very period looking ball of mozzarella cheese dangling in a twine net. I came up with a name for myself by browsing through an English-German dictionary (documentation was not an issue back then.) I decided that I was Frank Wutendwolf, which I hoped meant something like "french crazy wolf". Crazy Wolf sounded like a good barbarian name, and I figured my fellow tribesmen would have probably given me a hard time about the way my father fell in love with and married that foreign woman he had captured.

The date finally arrived, and I went to Carrot with Ken (aka Kristen von der Handfalk.) To make a long story short, I was not impressed. It was a good thing that I had had so much fun in developing my persona, or I would have dropped out.

As it was, Kristen talked me into coming to a meeting to organize our own group here in Fort Collins. He assured me that we could do things our own way here in our local group (called Canton Goldenveldt.) That meeting was actually kind of fun. We elected our officers right then and there. Since I was fresh out of the paratroops and had been an unarmed combat instructor, I ended up becoming something they called a Knight Marshall.

It sounded like a cool title, but I had enough sense to realize that I didn't really know much about armor and swords. Most of the oriental stick fighting that I was familiar with was considered to be either too barbaric or too dangerous, depending on whom you talked to. I privately suspected that it was simply too effective. Still, since I had to learn this new form of stick fighting from the Carrot folks, I decided to go ahead and learn to play by their rules. (Hmm, seems like Kristen fibbed about doing things our own way.)

Fortunately, I found that those (Caerthan) folks were a lot more fun when I got a chance to bash on them a little. Richard and Johan started teaching me how to make and use SCA swords and shields. (My first attempt at a shield had been a beautifully painted heater cut from a wide plank. It broke along the grain in its first battle. Very sad.)

Back then, Baron Ted was the only belted knight in the area. He had a really good sense of humor and seemed to enjoy fighting me at my first tournament, even if I did act like a barbarian. He just smiled when I cut his legs out from under him. I understood why, when he knelt down behind his shield and I suddenly realized that I now had fewer targets to strike at. His whole body was covered up by that dang shield of his.

He even kept smiling (in a dazed way) when I did a flying side kick against his shield and then pounded his helm with my bastard sword while he was still lying flat on his back.

When the marshall finished explaining to me why that was simply not done, Ted kept smiling as I ran around his kneeling form and nailed him from behind.

The marshall kept talking about chivalry. I kept trying to explain that I was a barbarian. Ted kept kneeling and smiling.

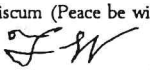
I finally agreed that I wouldn't use my feet and I would not try to seek an unfairly advantageous position. The marshall told us to lay on. I stood a couple of sword lengths away and rested the tip of my sword on the ground. When the marshall eventually asked me what I was doing, I told him that (since Ted's leg was cut off) I was waiting for him to bleed to death.

This battle, and a few similar incidents, started getting people to notice our little group up north. When we started doing our own revels, they instantly became very popular. We didn't believe in boring parties, and we rapidly recruited a number of fresh young college students. We ate, drank, sang and danced at our revels. In no time at all, the Caerthans were covertly slipping away from their own gatherings in favor of ours. Our group was actually fun. (And free of intrigue.)

Unfortunately, our group was comprised almost exclusively of college students. Each summer, the group would go dormant and need to be revived the following fall. Kristen was our first seneschal. I was seneschal one year. A friend named Lin Wu handled it quite well for another year or so. Eventually though, Canton Goldenveldt faded into history.

When Marshak the Golden Wolf came to our FRP and war gaming group, I was able to offer my experience of local conditions and became the first seneschal of the new group which eventually became the Barony of Unser Hafen. That story has been admirably told in a previous issue by the Founding Baron, Sir Kevin. (I still feel a bit amazed that we finally got not just one, but two knights in our local group. Huzzah!)

Pax Vobiscum (Peace be with you,)



Frank Wutendwolf

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in service to the incipient canton of

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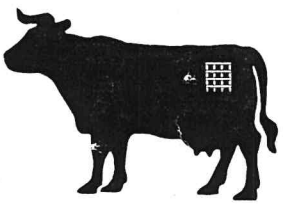


Failte ui Cheallaigh to the Barony from Dún Bólacht. In our quest for the dream we bring you the farce. The noble history of Dún Bólacht continues! We must retrace some steps. Allergicus Udderus and the more sober Aeneas had fled westward from Agamemnon's sack of Troy. Cast upon the shores of Carthage by fierce storms, they were driven from there by fate and the agelong curses of its legendary queen. Aeneas had sternly set his face towards Italy and could not return Queen Dido's love. Allergicus had set his face in pursuit of a more liquid destiny and could not pay his tab at Queen Dido's Bar and Grill. Great was the queen's wrath (for no one like being stiffed on either account). Mounting the pinnacle of the Baal's temple she called down curses on them both. "Udderus will pay his tab before he dies, so help me Baal!" So was the curse laid upon him.

Now if Allergicus had been more like his brother Aeneas he would have paid his bills, raised a large brood of children, died in his time, and his wax effigy would have been venerated by a hundred generation of dutiful Roman offspring. But he was not another Aeneas, and this was a bar tab, a matter oh honor. There are some things a man just doesn't do! So it was, because of Dido's curse and his sense of honor, Allergicus lived far beyond the normal span of years. This did not bother him overmuch, for he was seldom sober enough to count very far.

In Ireland Allergicus Udderus found a people after his own heard. Fond of long winded tale, long in the cups, and absolutely taken with cattle. He quickly found out how to get by in favorite places (he could already order been in seventeen languages), but the nuances of Gaelic always eluded him. Actually, a somewhat mangled "phrase book" version of Gaelic was as fluent as he ever got. This never stopped him, for he used the traveler's universal dictum "when in doubt shout louder". And travel he did. While in Ulster he spied the famous cattle of Cooley. This he could understand. This was destiny. This was fate. It could have been kismet, but that had not yet been invented. He must have them!

Allergicus rallied his men outside the wall of the caer. He led them as they broke through the stockade. Allergicus thrust his spear forward and brandished it at the defenders. His cloak wrapped around it. He pulled the spear harder and the cloak tangled around his head. Walking blindly forward and tugging at the cape he tripped and broke the spear. The chieftain stared at him. Allergicus struggled to his feet and roared a hastily translated battle cry in ancient Gaelic. To the defenders it sounded something like "MY LUGGAGE IS MOLDY!", although it could have been "MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S IN THE LAVATORY!" (subsequent accounts were never clear on that). All the defenders (and some of the attackers) stared at him. Some began to snicker. He stepped boldly toward the defenders to declare his challenge. His trews slipped down around his ankles and he fell in a welter of thrashing limbs. Everyone in the caer was laughing now, and tears were streaming down the chieftain's face. Allergicus grabber for his sword (the legendary Excowliver, wrought in Troy long ages before), waved it over his head, and strode bravely towards them again. The sword broke off at the hilt, fell down and stuck in his foot. By this time everyone in the caer was rolling on the ground with laughter. Bravely he stood, waving his sword hilt and broken spear, cloak wrapped around his head, roaring muffled battle cries, trews about his ankles, sword quivering in his foot. Was he not an offal sight? Defender and attacker alike collapsed in convulsions of laughter. Our progenitor was affronted, but was not one to look a gift cow in the mouth. He limped to the cattle, roped them up and led them away.

Thus was cattle theft made a felony in Ireland (although it was not the theft so much as the insult that spurred the original law). It was not quite the stuff of legends, but it was told and retold many times. It grew, as tails do, with each telling. After all, who would admit that they were bested in such a manner (especially to their wives)? Eventually the bards, men of poetry and heroic vision, took it over. They recast it in term of bold heroes and mythic action, and it has come to us as the great cattle raid of Cooley. But we of Dún Bólacht know the truth of it.

We thank you for a bard's indulgence and bid you well until we meet again. May you always live upwind of your neighbor's barn...

Timon Phocas

Dún Bólacht News
Report from the Udder Cow Herds

Greetings from Unser Hafen's new incipient Canton, Dún Bólacht. As many of you may know by now, Dún Bólacht is growing and actively seeking knowledge to improve our herd. We've gleanded some new populace these last two months which has been helpful for doing small demonstrations at schools & cultural faires.

Our own Anne Mathews, on very short notice, did a demonstration at Bill Reed Middle School in Loveland. Armed only with Conchobhar's Armor, some books and a dance tape she faced them alone and we commend her for it.

We also did several demos for Heath Jr. High for their Medieval Studies groups. Heath is where our weekly gatherings commence so we were doubly eager to share what we have learned with them.

October has been quite special for us as we officially presented ourselves for approval to his Excellency, Baron Sir Kevin and the populace of Unser Hafen. I happily announce that we have been accepted as an incipient Canton of the Great Barony of Unser Hafen.

Our hearfelt thanks goes to those brave souls who have volunteeres to be our first officers. In beginning anything new, those that blaze that first trail get the most thistles in their socks. Dún Bólacht appreciates all you do to help our group grow and learn.

We must also heap copious thanks on all of those gracious and knowledgeable persons who have visited our little gathering. Most notable are Lord Akira and Lady Ceindrych, without whom we would most likely have faded back into the mists of Never-never Land.

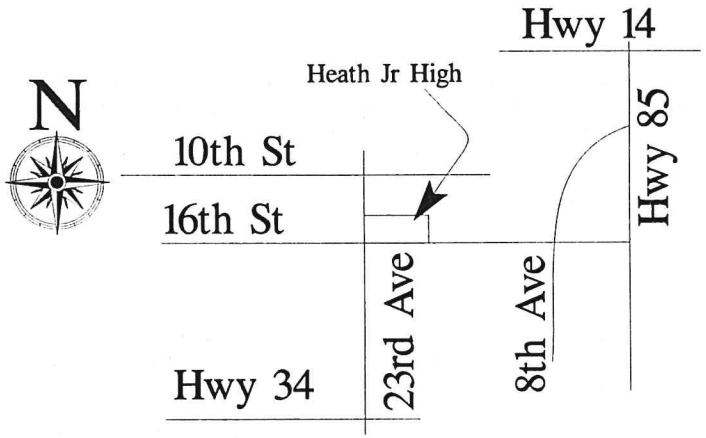
Dún Bólacht is also indebted to those wonderful people who gatered up their many varied skills and donated some wondrous gifts with which to "beg the boon" of our Baron. His Excellency was noted eating many of his "bribes" at feast, wearing his new scarf, pocketing his handkerchief, waxing poetic with his newly forged ring, and, of course, he bravely rode off into the night riding 'The Steed of Dún Bólacht.'

Finally we must comment on the glorious success of "The Lords of Light and Darkness" held here in Dún Bólacht. What a marvelous spectacle with fabulous desserts, an innovative live chess gave, lovely dancing and spectacular garb worn by both the dark side and the 'enlightened' side. Congratulations to Lord Akira as autocrat and special congratulations to Helen Rajala for best constume and Conchobhar Ua Loingseacain for his castle dessert.

Thus ends the report from the Udder Cow Herds of Dún Bólacht.

In service to the dream-

Lughbec ni Eoin



The Oak

Old, gnarled, and mighty she stands
Never touched by human hands;
She rises above the seas of green.
Majestic, alone, she watches the scene
From her throne, perched on the hill.

Leaves that saw so many years
Now are lost to winds and tears;
Her arms are twisted, her hands, her fingers,
From the stormy night whose madness lingers,
When thunder shook the tiny hill.

**Endymion

Coronation

November 6

Good citizens of Unser Hafen: the Barony of al-Barran bids you welcome. It Would be out honor to host you at the crowning of the successors to Leif and Elisheva, King and Queen of the Outlands.

The Menu is as follows, but is susceptible to change at Their Majesties' or Their Highnesses' discretion.

On table:
Vegetables and cheese

First repast:
Herbed bread
Sourdough bread
Wheat bread
Honeyed and herbed butters
Lentil soup

Second repast:
Roast in wine and garlic
Spinache souffle
Scalloped potatoes
Subtelties

Third repast:
Stuffed chicken
Carrots in honey butter
Baked apples
Subtleties

Fourth repast:
Meat pies
Wild rice
Sour cream cucumbers
Subtleties

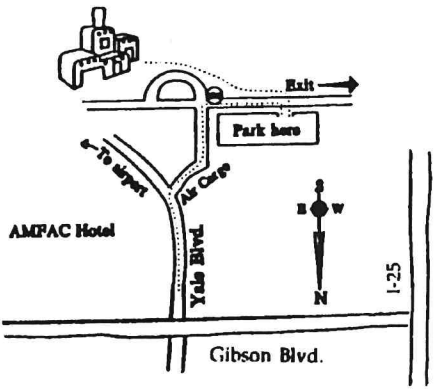
Fifth repast:
Almond circlets
Cakes, cookies
Lamb's Wool

This momentous event will take place at the Old Airport Building, in Albuquerque, NM. The site fee is $8 for members, $10 for nonmembers, children (under 12) free. Regretfully, the site is dry. The site will open at noon with Court commencing at 3 pm and feasting, revelty, and dancing immediately following.

Entertainment for your pleasure and delight is being organized by Lady Anastasia. Please Contact her if you would like to contribute to the spectacle (505 275-9308).

Mistress Kathryn of Iveragh is accepting reservations. Please contact her at (505)298-9032 of P.O. Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM 87125.

Please address all dietary restiction an other questions to you Autocrat, Lady Gwenlyn Aldwyn at (505) 255-5669, 8101 Marble NE Apt. M, Albuquerque, NM 87110.



"Spirit of the Troubadours"
Unser Hafen Arts & Sciences Competition

The Barony of Unser Hafen will have its Arts & Sciences competition on November 13, 1993. The site is the Timnath Presbyterian Church, on main street in Timnath, Colorado. (Timnath is located just off I25: take the Harmony Rd exit and turn east instead of towards Fort Collins.) Site will open at 9 am for set-up with competitions, a fencing tourney, and bardic entertainment to follow throughout the day. We would appreciate having as many people as possible there by 10:30 AM (The deadline for entries). This will enable us to start the performance arts as soon as possible.

JUST FOR FUN....

The theme for the event is the "Spirit of the Troubadours". We will encourage all bardic traditions, courtly manners, and traditional manners of courting and other silliness. We hope that this will be an enjoyable event, as well as giving our artisans and entertainers a chance to show their work. After feast, we hope to have a bardic circle, as well as playing "Castle of Love", a recreation of a period game. The evening feast will be French Provencial, and there will be a light lunch served. Fees will be: $2.00 for site, $7.00 for feast, and a $1.00 donation for lunch. No reservations required.

We highly encourage you to bring small "bribes" or "favors" for the ladies/gentlemen whom you wish to court favor with. The "Castle of Love" is a game in which the suitor must bribe/cajole the gatekeeper to gain access to his lady, whom he seeks to bribe/convince to let him have access to the castle. The reward involved is at the discretion of the lady in question. Endymion will be in charge of coordinating the game, and will invite ladies into the castle upon request. There will also be opportunities for bardic entertainment after the feast which is not part of the competition; so come with a song or a story of your own.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00 Site opens for set-up
10:30 Entries must be received and registered with trolls
10:30-11:00 to 2:00
Performance art begins; Lunch will be convened during a performance break. If this is insufficient time for performances we will go longer.
2:00-4:00 pm (or whenever performance time ends.)
-- Vivian will give a talk on the history of the troubadours
-- There may also be a talk on bardic in the SCA
-- The populace is invited to vote for the Baronial Champion
- Roundtable sessions begin; entrants in each category will meet and vote on the winners for each category.
4:00 to 6:00 PM --Fencing tourney begins
6:30-8:00 Feast
6:00 Court - Winners announced
6:30 Feast begins followed by various entertainments

ARTS & SCIENCES COMPETITION

Members from outside the barony will be eligible for category prizes and Popular Winner, although the Baronial Champion must be from Unser Hafen. All entrants must be SCA members. Judging will be done by vote of those participating: the populace will vote for Popular Champion, which may be from any SCA group. There will also be a Baronial Champion, which will be chose from amongst Unser Hafen entrants only. There will also be winners announced for each major category & subcategory for which there are more than one entrant. Prizes will be awarded for category winners, and scrolls for the two Champions. There may also be some "whim" prizes, i.e. "according to the whim of ....".

The following categories will be listed for entries:

I. Scribal Arts
- -Calligraphy
- -Illumination
- -Drawing/Painting

II. Performance Arts
- -Drama/Storytelling
- -Ethnic Dance
- -Court Dance
- -Vocal/Instrumental music

III. Visual Arts, General
- -Jewelry
- -Glasswork
- -Heraldic Design
- -Wood Carving
- -Sculpture
- -Pottery

IV. Fiber Arts, General
- -Costuming
- -Weaving
- -Lacemaking
- -Needlework

V. Culinary Arts
- -Bread
- -Sweets
- -Other Foods
- -Brewing

VI. Functional Arts, General
- -Weapons Arts
- -Leatherwork
- -Furniture/Household articles
- -Musical Instruments
- -Paper/Papyrus or Ink manufacture-

If you do not see a category listed that suits your entry, please ASK, and it will be assigned to a logical category. The exception to this is the category for written materials: this will be a display only category. As usual, you may not enter a piece in more than one category or subcategory. You may enter as many items as you wish otherwise. In the case of only ONE entry in a subcategory OR category, NO WINNER will be declared. If there are no winners in a in a subcategory, the entry will still be eligible for the Category or the Champion winner. You may also DISPLAY ONLY in any category which you wish; which means that you are not asking to be eligible to win. Display items do not have to be accompanied by documentation, except for the name of the Artist. You cannot enter any item which has won in a kingdom competition.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Don't let the word "documentation" prevent you from entering. This simply means that you write down what is "authentic" about your entry (i.e. occurred before 1600), and what part of it is "creative license", that is, it's your idea of how someone would have done it then. On some types of items, it's important to discuss technical details, and how they relate to period techniques. Items like a modern functional cup which masquerades as a medieval looking cup is in the "creative" category. A piece of needlework that exactly replicates a period example is more purely authentic. Both are acceptable entries, but the documentation should explain which best describes it. For this competition, the documentation will be limited to one page maximum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chala Savatthi (Karol Henderson Harding) - Autocrat 303/223-6494
2519 Sunstone Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525
Madeleine de la Rochelle or Gerald an Ard- Feast info 303/226-5862
Rhianwen Ferch Morgant - Fencing Marshall 303/484-1087

Dance Collegium and Harvest Ball

November 20

The Barony of Dragonsspine announces a Dance Collegium and Harvest Ball on Saturday, November 20th. A.S. XXVIII. The site for the Dance Collegium is the campus of Colorado College. The site for the Harvest Ball is the Unitarian Church hall three blocks away: Parking is available midway between the two sites. Detailed directions and a map will appear soon. The dance site will open at 9am for registration. There will be two tracks of instruction-one in English Country Dancing and one in Court Dancing. Each track will have four one and a half hour classes. A sit-down lunch will be served at mid-day, and a substantial refreshment table will provide an evening meal during the ball.

The price for the Collegium and Ball. including both meals, is $8 until the 1st of November and $10 thereafter. Children under ten are free. but need to have reservations. Make out checks to SCA Dragonsspine, and mail them to Harvest Ball. c/o SCA Dragonsspine, P.O. Box 296, Colorado Springs CO 80901. Please include the mundane name and address. as well as SCA name. for all those for whom you are reserving. A specific list of classes and dances will be mailed to everyone with advance reservations during October. All classes will have size limits, and those gentles who pre-reserve will have an opportunity to sign up in advance for the classes they want to attend. We will also mail a dance program for the ball-most of these dances will be taught during the day at the collegium.

There are still a few spaces open for dance instructors. Volunteers should contact the Collegium autocrat Master Kay Delafleur (Kent Bloom, 1245 Allegheny Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80919. 719-522-0387). Master Kay is also looking for musicians who would like to play dance music during all or pan of the ball in the evening. Please contact him as soon as possible so that he can nail music for you to practice..

The autocrat for the Harvest Ball is Lord Reginald of the Fells (Ron Krob)
413 So. Institute,
Colorado Springs CO 80903.
719-389-0219

Baronial Yule Celebration & Pot Luck

You are cordially invited to this years Yule celebration on December 10th, at 6:00 PM, to be held at the First Unitarian Church, 1400 Laffayette St. in Denver. Wear your festive garb, bring games, songs, and food! The site fee will be $3.00, with $1.00 off for anyone who brings a dish to feed six or more people. Please make an ingredient list to place by your dish, especially if the dish contains alcohol. We will not have use of the kitchen, but there are electrical outlets if needed. This is a WET site so bring whatever you would like to celebrate the holiday's.

Autocrats
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Lord Tule of Tehri
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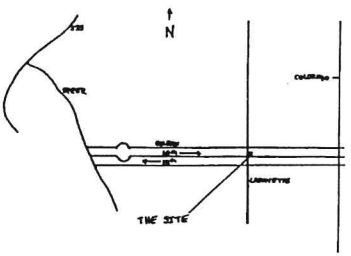


Caerthen 12th Night

January 8, 1994

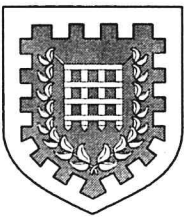
Caerthe invites You to celebrate 12th night in Russian opulence. (Keep in mind that Russia was under Mongol rule for approximately 200 years.) Caethen 12th night will occur January 8. 1994 at Adams County Fairgrounds with set-up starting at 9:00 in the morning and clean-up at 11:00 in the evening. There will be contests and classes (details to follow). There will be children's activities and a video room for righters to view past fighting events.
Site Fee: $3 / $4 non-members Feast Fee:
$8 / $9 non-members until Crown Tournment
$10 / $11 non-members until Coronation
$12 / $13 non-members until December 1, 1993
$14 / $15 non-members until December 20, 1993
Ages 0-5: Free
Ages 6/13: 1/2 price
Servers and Kitchen crew 1/2 price

Menu

On Table: Breads and butters, Mushroom caviar, Garlic Cheese Spread
Appetizer: Beef Pirogyi
Soup: Mushroom and Barley Soup 1st Course: Braised Chicken with Dried Fruit and Honeyed Parsnips
Palate Cleanser
2nd Course: Sauteed Salmon Steak with Rice and Marinated Mushrooms
Palate Cleanser
3rd Course: Onion Stuffed Beef Roll with Noodles and Russian Mustard
Dessert: Honey Cake, Krendel, Lemon Tart and Kisel

Merchants will be required to have a tax license and there will be a $5 space rental fee. Space is limited so call carly for a reservation.

Please send all reservations to the autocrat and make checks payable to SCA-Caerthe.
Autpcrat: Lady Krystyna de Chanceaux (AnnaMarie Zurawski) (303) 427-8449 3061 W. 92nd Ave. 8B, Wesrminsteir CO 80030



Unser Hafen Dance Collegium and Ball V January 29, 1994

We're Five this year!! Dancing and Contests abound! Ile Barony of Unser Hafen is well pleased to announce the Fifth Unser Hafen Dance Collegium and Ball, **January 29, 1994**. This year's event is to be held at the McMillen Building of the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, Colorado. The Collegium will be held during the day and feature classes on both Western and Eastern Medieval dance forms. The dances learned will be danced that night at the Ball. Live music is to be performed for the dances, as usual.

Classes will begin promptly at 1:00 pm! No SCA time as we have so much to do! The Hall will open at 12:00 noon. Here is the tentative schedule for the Classes:

Class I 1:00-2:00

WESTERN

Brasle Suite with Brasle Charlotte
Queen's Alman
THL Catriona and Lord Francis, Instructors

EASTERN

A basic introduction to middle eastern dance Lady Vivian, Instructor

Class II 2:00-3:00 {Middle Eastern 2:00-3:30}

WESTERN

Fine Companion
Sir Rodger de Coverly
THL Catriona and Lord Francis, Instructors

EASTERN

Intermediate middle eastern dance
Lady Rashiqa, Instructor

Class III 3:00-4:00 {Middle Eastern 3:30-6:00}

WESTERN

Rumelai
Espunyolet
Lord Francis and THL Catriona, Instructor

EASTERN

Preparing a middle eastern performance
Lady Chala, Instructor

Class IV 4:00-5:00 {Western only}

Teddy Bear's Picnic
Female Saylor
THL Catriona and Lord Francis, Instructors

Remember all musicians are welcome! Music by mail or on site available! TO CELEBRATE OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, there will be a wide variety of Arts and Sciences activities and a culinary contest, including:

I. **POPULATING THE PORTCULLIS CONTEST:** It has been decided that dessert for the Ball will be a Subtlety of our beloved Portcullis and the castle it protects. Everyone coming needs to bring an edible copy (Gingerbread, Marzipan, or whatever) of yourself or a friend to occupy our castle! **A** delicious dessert and a prize!

II. **WALLHANGING/BANNER CONTEST:** The Hall is much larger this year to help it look even better Lady Terri Hadeel is sponsoring this contest that features a prize for Wall Hangings/Banners!

FEAST INFORMATION: There will be a feast served by the Inn of the Madwoman on Saturday night immediately after classes and the Processional. **The cost is $7.00 if received by 12/15/93 or $8.00 if received prior to the event, and $9.00 the day of the event** The feast is limited to around 100 gentles (plus or minus).

The site fee is the same as last year, **$3.00**. This is a dry site. Make checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen. Some crash space available.

Send Reservations to: Eques Titus Claudius Severus
c/o Tod Huckaby 420 South Impala Fort Collins, Co 80521 Phone: (303) 490-2936

This artwork by Melisende Barlais d'Outremer was recieved back in February during the cover art contest. It had not been forgotten, but been awaiting a sutable time and sutable space in the Tosspot to be the subject of a contest of its own. To the person who comes up with the best caption for this drawing will get a one year subsrciption to the tosspot. I (Robin) will be choosing a judge to make the decision. When a sutable caption has been chosen, it and this art will appear on the Tosspot's cover. The deadline for caption is at Unser Hafen's fifth Dance Collegium on January 29, 1994. Good luck.

Medieval Society of CSU

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(Pan Pace)
Phone: 495-1089

Upcoming Events

Regular Monthly Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

November 10	112 Natural Resources Bldg.
December 8	166 Lory Student Center
January	Christmas Break - no meeting
February 9	227 Lory Student Center
March 9	227 Lory Student Center
April 13	180 Lory Student Center
May 10	180 Lory Student Center

Painted Rose

A painted rose,
Silk and satin paling.
Dawn afloat beyond a rusty shore.

A sweet repose,
Flaxen feathers trailing.
Gleams of silver, scattered on the floor.

The crimson grows,
Whispered memories failing.
Done, the part she played was nothing more

Than a painted rose,
Silk and satin paling.
Left abandoned on a rusty shore.

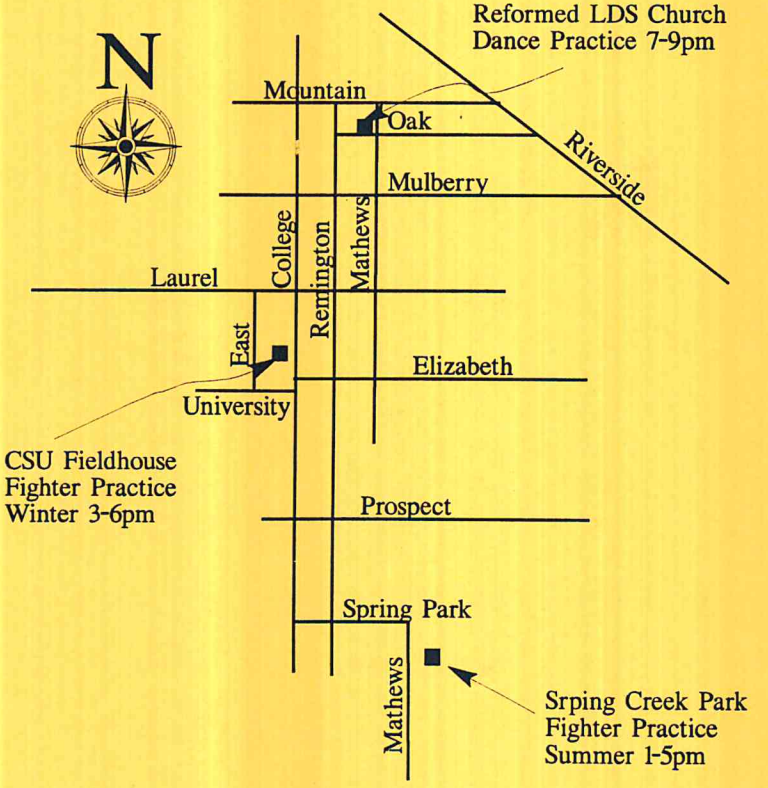
**Endymion

Unser Hafen Regular Events

Fighter Practice has move indoors for the winter to the CSU Fieldhouse. The cost of the site has doubled so donations to cover the costs are appreciated. Also we only have the site from 3pm to 6pm on Sundays. We have to be **COMPLETELY** out by 6:15pm. This includes all people, armor, and other miscallaneous stuff.

Dance Practice will be changing format starting in November. Only the first half hour (7-7:30) will be spent on teaching basic dance steps and running through the dances to be learned. Request dances will have no formal instruction. We are limited to the gym, the large tiled room, the kitchen, and the bathrooms. All other portions of the building are off limits.

Archery Practice has change times to 12-2pm on Sundays. The site is the same, so if the weather looks questionable call Titus. Call him if you need directions as well.



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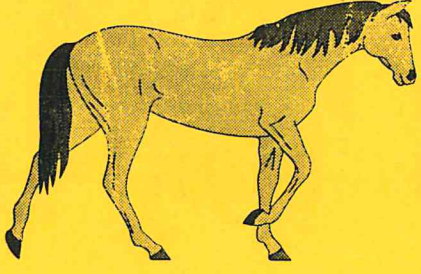

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